

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 13, 2007

ATTENDING: Mayor John Ross
Mayor Pro-Tem: Sandy Coughlin
Council Members: Sarah Barbour, Greg Crosby,
Kendall Spence, Jo Waybright
Finance Officer – Cheryl Bennett
Village Clerk – Cheri Clark
Attorney Ken Swain

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor John Ross called the Regular Session of the Village of Lake Park Council to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor John Ross led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jo Waybright made a motion to approve the minutes. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Add: 12A. Sanitary Sewer Easement. Sandy Coughlin made a motion to accept the amended agenda as presented. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

SECURITY REPORT: Sarah Barbour discussed the Security Report for the month of October. There were 43 general calls. Halloween night was quiet in the VOLP as far as vandalism was concerned.

In Rural Hall the Community Watch Program is under Council. Royetta Sieminski is planning on meeting with Ken Swain concerning Community Watch's function in the VOLP.

FINANCE REPORT: Cheryl Bennett presented the financial statements for Council review. Budget Ordinance 2007/08 #1 was presented.

Budget Ordinance 2007/08 #1

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Village of Lake Park, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008:

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the appropriations are to be changed as follows:

	Decrease	Increase
<u>Revenues:</u>		
Other Revenues: National Night Out		\$6435
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Public Services/Safety: National Night Out		\$6435
Maintenance of Common Areas: Tennis Courts		136
Parks & Recreation: Recreation Programs	\$136	
Parks & Recreation: Water/Sewer		\$2500
Other Expenditures: Contingency	\$2500	

Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, and to the Budget/Finance Officer for their direction.

Adopted this 13th day of November 2007.

Attest:

Cheri Clark, Village Clerk

Mayor John Ross

Cheryl Bennett expressed her frustration and concern with the lack of bookkeeping for the National Night Out. Mayor John Ross recommended that Council do all that is reasonable to protect the VOLP and that the \$2100 in the National Night Out line item should be carried forward into the next budget year.

Sandy Coughlin expressed her concerns about the Water/Sewer increase due to the installation of irrigation at the Community Center. Parks and Recreation should not have utilized the irrigation system until a new meter had been installed therefore sewer would not have been charged for the watering of plant beds.

Jo Waybright made the motion to adopt Budget Ordinance 2007/08 #1. Kendall Spence seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 1 with Sandy Coughlin opposed.

TAX OFFICER'S REPORT: Cheri Clark stated that 19% of the 2007 tax levy had been paid.

PUBLIC SERVICES (Waste Collection & Electric): The Village of Lake Park is currently running just below the Waste Collection budget line item. Sandy Coughlin is working with Union Power concerning the VOLP lighting repairs and needs.

COMMUNICATION: Greg Crosby asked all articles for the next Villager be submitted by November 27th.

PARK AND RECREATION: The Chili Cook-Off had nine entries with Norris Jeffery winning first place. Jo Waybright and Virginia Currence change the entry format this year so that the residents had no idea during the voting of who had entered and prepared each Chili. Jo Waybright thanked Virginia Currence, Glori Perrin and Royetta Sieminski for their assistance during the event.

The VOLP has purchased two pieces of artwork hanging in the foyer by Ann Boney, a local resident of Lake Park. Mrs. Boney donated her original painting of the proposed VOLP town seal to the Village. The piece has been placed on display in the Mack Currence Chambers for everyone to enjoy.

The proposed schedule for the Christmas Tree Event is as follows:

- Garden Club Home Tour – 2:00pm to 5:00pm.
- Carriage Rides - 5:30pm to 9:00pm.
- Faith United Methodist Church Carolers - 5:45pm to 6:00pm.
- Tree Lighting - 6:00pm.
- Sardis Sound – 6:15 pm.
- Masterpiece Dance Studio – 6:30pm.

The Hometown Heroes – Bob & Ann Haegele and Norris & Jan Jeffrey will assist in the tree lighting.

Kendall Spence shared that the tennis courts are being resurfaced this month to maintain the amenity. The courts will be unavailable for approximately three weeks during the month of November.

Greg Crosby has installed new circuit boards in the clocks and a new motor sensor has been ordered for the fourth clock. The Carillon system should be installed before Christmas.

The Lake Charles Pond is leaking. Mayor John Ross had Final Step Inc. out to evaluate the problem and to repair the leak. The seal on the outlet structure was leaking. The quote to repair the problem - \$2875. Jo Waybright made the motion to approve and repair the leak at Lake Charles, the expense to be paid from the Pond Maintenance line item. Kendall Spence seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

At the February Parks and Recreation Commission meeting there will be a comprehensive Waterfowl Program Review. The Parks & Rec Commission is currently seeking new board members. The deadline for applicants is December 3rd.

The next scheduled Parks and Rec meeting will be held on December 5th at 7:00 p.m. The plan is to have three new applicant names for the Council approval at the December meeting.

STREET BUSINESS: Mayor John Ross stated that the next phase of paving has been completed - \$73,264.00. The repaving includes manhole repairs on Olsen and Courtland; and the repair on the Reagan alleyway. As of this time we do not have a price for re-installing the street crosswalk pavers.

Signs have been installed suggesting no parking along Lake Park Road at the back of Fred Kirby Park. We do not have a formal response from the County concerning the curb and gutter commitments at Fred Kirby Park. The informal response has been that they will take the sidewalk and curb and gutter fair market value and apply it all to the sidewalks as the VOLP suggested. The ideal sidewalk scenario placement would be to complete the sidewalk across the frontage and connect the sidewalk to the Academy sidewalk and if there is anything left to complete the sidewalk on both sides of the road.

Sandy Coughlin has brought to the Mayor's attention a new type of speed bump that has been installed in Monroe.

SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT: Mayor John Ross shared that the property at Faith Church and Indian Trail/Unionville Road is under contract. The most direct sanitary sewer connection runs across Lake Park Road between the front entrance pond and the Lake Park Nursing Home. A request for easement has been made to the Village of Lake Park. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to grant the easement for the construction of a Daycare Facility. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Sandy Coughlin shared that the Key Card program was featured in the Indian Trail Trader on October 10th, and the Union Observer on October 25th. Angela Williams, CPA is offering a free seminar to residents on January 7th from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Sandy Coughlin has been working with Valerie Ross and Sarah Barbour archiving the history of the VOLP. The goal is to have begun assembling the first pages of the master scrapbooks before the end of January. Sandy Coughlin requested that Parks and Rec be thinking about a way to display the books in the Community Center.

SET AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 11, 2007. Add – 4. Oaths of Office and Recognition of Outgoing Council. Delete – 12A. Sanitary Sewer Easement.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Sarah Barbour offered her congratulations and best wishes to the new Council.

Jo Waybright thanked Sarah Barbour and John Ross for all of their work while serving on Council and reminded everyone that there will be a reception at 6 p.m. on December 11th prior to the Council meeting for outgoing Council members.

Mayor John Ross congratulated the new Mayor and Council members and thanked the Council for their willingness to serve.

ADJOURN: Kendall Spence made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor John H. Ross

Village Clerk, Cheri Clark